

Independent Counsel's jurisdiction to include authority to conduct such an investigation.<sup>16</sup>

The Attorney General observed that an expansion of jurisdiction, rather than appointment of a new independent counsel with respect to this matter, was appropriate since the OIC was already investigating similar matters involving some of the same individuals.<sup>17</sup> The Attorney General's application was premised on information received from the House Committee alleging that Mr. Nussbaum's statements to the House Committee "'appear to be inconsistent' with statements he may have made in 1993" to the FBI.<sup>18</sup> The Application further stated: "According to Congressman Clinger, Special Agent Sculimbrene's report indicates that Mrs. Clinton recommended [Mr.] Livingstone to [Mr.] Nussbaum."<sup>19</sup>

On October 25, 1996, the Special Division expanded the Independent Counsel's jurisdiction to investigate "whether Bernard Nussbaum committed a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1621 or any other federal criminal law, . . . relating to statements he made on June 26, 1996, before the Committee on Government Reform and

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<sup>16</sup> Application at 3, Div. No. 94-1 (D.C. Cir. [Spec. Div.] Oct. 24, 1996).

<sup>17</sup> Id. at 3-4.

<sup>18</sup> Id. at 1-2.

<sup>19</sup> Id. at 2.